

PAWS Shelter Requesting Unusual Items

Our local PAWS facility, located on FM 150, usually has a clever sign announcing the need for obvious items--cat food, dog food, detergent. But did you know that there are other much needed items that you may not normally think to donate?

The top three necessary items are:

- Powdered laundry detergent with bleach
- Cleaning supplies (Windex, Mr. Clean, 409, etc.)
- Cat litter

In addition, these items are in high demand:

- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Newspapers
- Anti-bacterial dish soap
- Dry puppy & dog food
- Spray bottles
- Dry kitten & cat food
- Cat & dog toys
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Dog shampoo
- Polar fleece blankets & towels
- Rubbing alcohol
- Puppy & kitten replacement milk
- Cotton balls/Q-tips
- Latex gloves
- Puppy & kitten bottles
- Sharpies (all colors)
- Ink pens (blue & black)
- Batteries (AA and 9V)
- Copier paper

PAWS is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), organization and each donation is tax deductible. They are not just a pound, but an animal welfare shelter; where all adoptable animals are found homes. For detailed information about volunteering or making a donation, please visit www.pawsshelter.org. ■

Neighborhood Watch Committee Looking for More Members

Coordinator: Ernie Moore • info@fourseasonsfarm.org

The NW Committee needs an Assistant Coordinator in our group, as well as more members. We need **YOU** to join this important committee! Details about our next meeting will come soon.

We are also forming **Block Watches** (telephone chain groups) and need Block Captains for each street or block. Block Captains will have confidential contact information, in case of emergency. Remember, crime prevention starts with you! Work together with your neighbors and watch each others property when you're away. Keeping an eye on what goes on around you makes you a "caring neighbor" not a "nosy neighbor."

Visit the website and watch the signs located in each section for upcoming events, such as **CPR Classes, Kid ID Kits, and Home Security Updates/Seminars.**

Kyle United Methodist To Host 2nd Annual Washer Tournament

On Sunday, May 3rd from 1pm-4pm, the Kyle United Methodist Church will host their Annual Washer Tournament. Entry fee is \$30 per team of two. Fifty percent of all proceeds goes toward Kyle UMC. For more information or to download the entry form, please visit www.kyleumc.org.

www.fourseasonsfarm.org

Mark Your Calendar!
Next Quarterly Meeting (& Dinner)
Thursday, May 14th • 6pm

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Welcome to the Welcoming Committee

Coordinator: Elaine Calkins • info@fourseasonsfarm.org

We are really getting revved up to walk the "Welcome Wagon" around the neighborhood again, now that the weather is getting pretty and it's lovely to be outdoors. We are most anxious to meet you...especially if you are new or get reacquainted with you if you have been around awhile. We are making every attempt to meet all of our new people and apologize if you have been waiting for a while to be "welcomed". We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Speaking of "new," we also would love to have some new members to add to our committee. We are quite a fun bunch and can always use more "fun" people to help welcome our new neighbors. We also are interested in having at least one person from each street to keep an eye out for new neighbors and news that everyone would like to know, such as new babies, illness, bereavement or anything else where we can be of help. We want to be a friendly and helpful neighborhood and feel that if we know about any of these things, we can at least offer our help and support. If you could volunteer to be the "watchful one" on your street, please contact me at: 323 Spring Drive or 262-7951.

Sadly, we are aware that at least two of our families have experienced the loss of a loved one recently and we wish to send our sincere condolences to these families upon their bereavement. If there is any way we can be of support or help, please do not hesitate to call me at the number above. Our next meeting for the Welcome Committee will be April 21, in conjunction with the Social Committee. We should have a fun time and would love to have anyone who would like to be a part of our committee. Come join us! ■

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2009

Have You Ever Been Called to Go Nutria Hunting?

By Nola Plumb • Source: www.nutria.com

It may sound strange, but it's true and very close to home....nutria hunting. Recently, I had the opportunity to hunt and see nutria here in Four Seasons Farm. Yes, you read it correctly--right here in our neighborhood. You no longer have to go to Louisiana to see these furry little creatures.

As you can see from the picture, a nutria looks like a rat. The nutria is a semi-aquatic rodent which weighs an average of 12 pounds. Nutria breed year-round with a gestation period of 130 days. They are strict vegetarians, which feed primarily after sunset or just prior to sunrise. Nutria can consume up to 25 percent of their weight daily. They feed on the base of plant stems and dig for rhizomes and roots. Nutria construct burrows, as well as build platforms of compacted, coarse vegetation, which they use for resting, birthing, grooming and feeding.

Unfortunately, for Four Seasons Farm residents, nutria are causing havoc with some of our landscaping. If you notice large holes/burrows in or around your yard, you may have nutria. If your landscaping is starting to die off, you may be in their feeding zone. If

you are one of nutria's victims, you probably would not know until your entire yard is destroyed--including bushes and small trees falling over due to roots being eaten. Fortunately, residents have shared their information with me to spread to the rest of our community. Besides calling an extermination company, you can purchase "poison peanuts" from the local feed store and drop them into the nutria burrows, or anywhere that you know nutria are thriving. ■

Information from the HOA President...

Hi Everyone,

As many of you know, our **Annual HOA Meeting** is coming up soon. It is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2009. A dinner will precede the meeting (6:00pm), and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm. You will receive a formal notification and a proxy in the mail shortly. Please mark your calendars to attend. This meeting will be packed with information regarding everything that we have done for the year, besides new information which will directly affect our community.

Currently, we are looking for individuals who would like to be a part of the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact either the Nomination Committee or myself as soon as possible. Nominations are needed soon to be included on the proxy.

It's very important that you attend the Annual Meeting (or complete and return your proxy) to have your vote heard. Everyone working together helps our community grow and thrive. One person alone cannot make this happen.

One last note, we are still looking for a couple of committee coordinators. We would love to have you aboard our team.

Sincerely,

Nola K. Plumb

HOA Board Director & President
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